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1. DURING CALL BY AMB BENNETT ON KHMER PRIMIN LONG BORET DEC 2, BORET GAVE FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH UNGA PRES BOUTEFLIKA NOV 29 (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO BORET, BOUTEFLIKA SAID THAT WHEN HE TALKED RECENTLY WITH SIHANOUK IN ALGIERS, HE HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS. SIHANOUK HAD REPLIED THAT WHILE HE KNEW LONG BORET, WHO HAD SERVED IN SEVERAL OF HIS GOVERNMENTS, HE ABSOLUTELY WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY CONVERSATIONS AS LONG AS LON NOL WAS PRESIDENT. LONG BORET SAID THAT HE HAD REPLIED TO BOUTEFLIKA THAT, WHILE ANY SUBJECT COULD BE RAISED IN THE TALKS, HE COULD NOT ENTER THE TALKS WITH SUCH PRECONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE OTHER SIDE, SINCE HE HAD BEEN CHOSEN PRIME MINISTER BY PRESIDENT LON NOL, NOT BY THE PARLIAMENT OR BY ELECTION. LON NOL, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS ELECTED BY THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. BOUTEFLIKA THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH LONG BORET IN A "DISCREET MEETING." BORET SAID HE WOULD WELCOME TALK WITH BOUTEFLIKA, BUT EXPRESSED VIEW TO US IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE KHMER PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA TO HAVE A "DISCREET MEETING" IN NEW YORK.

AT THIS STAGE BOUTEFLIKA ALSO INVITED LONG BORET TO VISIT

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ALGIERS, SAYING THAT HE WAS EXTENDING THE INVITATION PERSONALLY

AND IN THE NAME OF THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE, SINCE HE WAS UNABLE
TO EXTEND IT IN THE NAME OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. LONG BORET SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN
HIS TRAVEL PLANS HE HAD HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT WITH SYG WALDHEIM. EVEN IF HE DID SEE HIM
BEFORE LEAVING DEC 3, AT THE PRESENT STAGE HE WOULD ONLY BE
ABLE TO SPEAK IN GENERALITIES, SUCH AS TO INVITE WALDHEIM
TO VISIT PHNOM PENH AND TO RESTATE HIS GOVERNMENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNGA RES AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE
WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. HE SUGGESTED TO AMB BENNETT THAT THE
INITIAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE THROUGH THIRD PARTIES.
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